OUR CITY SCHOOLS.

THE YEAR HAS SMILED BENIGHLY ON INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

ADDITION OF A NOBLE MEMBER.

Union Theological Seminary Enters the College Group-Public-Schools Are Doing Well-Colleges and Private Schools Show Progress.

The year just passed has smiled very graciously on the schools of Richmond; enthusiasm and progress are seen every-

This statement holds true not for one school or for two in the city, but applies alike faithfully to them all. The public schools, of which Richmond is so fondly and pardonably proud, are in the forefrent. The work being done by the thousands of little folks in them has been of the earnest, eager sort; of the kind which been added to the School of Chemistry The efforts to raise \$25,000 for a science causes the teacher to say this "has been a good school year," with the same twist of the lip that becomes the farmer when he pronounces the season a "favorable

one for 'craps."

The most notable feature of the year from an educational standpoint was the opening of Union Theological Seminary in its splendid new buildings on the Brook unpike, a short way northwest of the city. The erection of spler-lid buildings for the Virginia Union University was also begun during the year.

Public Schools of Richmond.

The public schools of Richmond are the pride of her people, and have stead-fly grown in popularity and efficiency. During the year just closed 12,277 pupils These were distributed were enrolled. These were distributed among 13 buildings—11 for white pupils and 7 for colored. Each building is preand 7 for colored. Each building is preand 7 for colored. The 26 sided over by a white principal. schools-169 white and 101 colored-are under the management of 237 teachers-

150 white and 78 colored. The instruction has been of a high order, and the progress of the pupils very gratifying. The affairs of the system have been economically administered, as is shown by the fact that the cost per capita of pupils enrolled has only been \$12.16, including both tuition and general The City School Board, the governing body, is composed of members, who are elected by the Council. Of this body, Hon. J. T. Council. Of this body, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson is chairman, and Hon. Joseph C. Dickerson is vice-chairman. Mr. William P. Fox is Superintendent. Mr. Charles P. Rady, the efficient and valued Clerk and Supervisor of Buildings, died De-cember 23, 1898, after a service extending over more than fourteen years. The va-

over more than fourteen years. The va-cancy at this writing has not been filled. The system provides for the education of the child from the simplest primary grade through the High School. The instruction thus afforded is excellent, whether as a preparation for the business. whether as a preparation for the bu iness of life or as preparatory to institutions for higher learning. The last session saw anating from the Richmond 601 96 graduates in the regular course Sensor is graduates in the regular course, in the post-graduate course, if in pho-nography and typewriting, and is in the business course; from the colored High and Normal School, it graduates in its regular course.

The number of pupils in the two high

schools has steadily and rapidly grown, till now the buildings are not capacious enough to accommodate those who are prepared to enter. The rooms are densepacked, and yet there is not room Health and efficiency alike demand an increase of suitable accommoda

tions in the near future.

There is need for additional rooms in other parts of the city, as quite a number other parts of the city, as quite a number. of pupils in the low primary grades can not be accommodated,

Union Theological Seminary. This well-known institution for the training of ministers of the Gospel signalized the opening of its seventy-fifth annual session on the 5th of October by the occupancy and dedication of its handsome new buildings in the highly-improved Cinter section, northwest of this proved Ginter section, northwest of this

The dedicatory exercises were participated in by the president of the Board of Trustees, the Governor of Virginia, Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler of Brooklyn, Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler of Brooklyn, Rev. Dr. R. P. Kerr, Rev. Dr. Hoge, Mr. S. H. Hawes, and other well-known gentlemen. This change of location has resulted in a very large increase in the attendance, the enrolment for this year being ninety as against sixty-five last year. crease is so much greater than was ex-pected that the authorities of the semipected that the authorities of the semi-nary have had to rent five or six addi-tional houses outside of the campus for the present session. They will have to erect an additional dormitory building of their own in the near future, as the institution now has more students than all the other seminaries in the Southern Presbyterian Church combined. It must be remembered that all the students of the seminary are doing post-graduaty work. Only men who have taken a col-lege course are received. The institution lege course are received. The institution is under the control of the Presbyterian Church, but its advantages are open to ministerial students of all denominations without charge for tuition. Its roll this year includes Baptists, Episcopalians,

and Methodists, as well as Presbyterians new buildings cost \$160,000, and the entire property of twelve acres of campus and eight buildings is valued at \$190,000. The need of a suitable chapel and of a symnasium building is becoming more evident daily, and it is hoped that they will be provided in the near future. The seminary has an endowment of \$306,-000, the proceeds of which are devoted to the running expenses. A favorite form of benevolence among the friends of the institution is the establishment of scholarship funds for the assistance of needy and worthy young men in their preparation for the ministry. A number of in-dividuals and churches have contributed \$1,000 each for this purpose, only the in-terest being used. Several liberal friends of the seminary in Richmond and other places have recently contributed \$1,000 D.; of the dental department, L. M. Co each to the building fund for the purpose wardin, M. D., D. D. S., and of the phar of providing suites of rooms, which are to be perpetual memorials of deceased relatives. One of these, in which the people of Richmond will feel special interest, is "the William A. Campbell memorial-room." Other individuals and churches in the South have kindiy provided the furniture for a large number

of other rooms. There is a full faculty of five professors-the Rev. Messrs. W. W. Moore, C. C. Hersman, T. C. Johnson, T. R. English, and G. B. Strickler-dealing respectively with the interpretation of the Old Testament, the interpretation of the New Testament, Church History, Pastoral Testament, Church History, Pastoral Theology, and Systematic Theology.

Richmond College. Richmond College is a literary and scientific institution of the highest rank. The college was founded in 1832, was removed to its present site in 1834, and re-ceived a broad and liberal charter in 1840. The college has spacious grounds, elegant and commodious buildings, and excellent laboratory and gymnasium facilities. The endowed library contains over 13,000 volumes. The total estimated value of grounds, buildings, equipment, and en-

The college consist of nine literary and scientific schools and a school of law. In intter there are three full professors. In the other schools and departments are nine full professors and six assistants and instructors. During 1898 the following changes were made in the faculties of instruction: J. A. C. Chandler, M. A., Ph. D., was made acting professor of the newly-established Chair of History and Literature; Professor S. C. Mitchell was leave of absence fer one year and J. W. Downer, M. A., was elected to fill the vacancy in Latin; N. C. Scott, B. A., was appointed instructor in mathe-matics, and W. G. Williams, B. L., was appointed director of the gymnasium.

STUDENTS AND GRADUATES. The present envolment of students 242. Of these fifty are in the school of law. The graduating class last June was the largest in the history of the institu-tion. Four students received the degree of Master of Arts, one the degree of Bachelor of Science, extreen the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and nine the degree of

Bachelor of Arts, and nine the degree of Bachelor of Law.

The Thomas lectures were delivered by Professor Woodrow Wilson. Ph. D., LL.D., of Princeton University, on the general theme, "Constitutional Govern-ment." Other lectures during the year were by President E. B. Andrews, President W. R. Harper, Dean E. B. Hurlbert, Governor Atkinson of West Virginia, Dr. J. William Jones, President Whitsitt, Professor John R. Sampey, and Dr. H. W. Battle. The lectures on "Evidences of Christianity" were given by Drs. George Braxton Taylor, J. C. Hiden, and T. S. Dunaway.

hall have met with gratifying success, and a commodious four-story building 120x51 is now rising on the Franklin-street front of the campus. Among recent gifts, the bequest to the general endowment of \$5,500 by Mr. M. T. Fristoe and wife, of Front Royal, deserves special mention.

The entire expenses of a student for tuition, board, and all expenses is about \$300; non-resident students pay from \$13.30 to \$88 50 a session. The college possesse about thirty scholarships and donation funds, which are used to aid worthy men No tuition is charged ministerial stu-dents of any denomination. The officers of the trustees are W. E. Hatcher, D. D. president; Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson vice-president and Charles H. Ryland D. D., secretary and treasurer.

Medical College of Virginia.

This honored institution, located at Mar shall and College streets, was founded in 1838, incorporated in 1851, and made State institution at the opening of as one of the leading medical institutions of the South. The buildings re tutions of the South. The buildings re-cently creeted, in which are located the City Free Dispensary and the laborato-ries for chemistry, pathology, and bac-teriology, have furnished during the present and past sessions facilities for clin cal and laboratory work far exceeding those of former years. In the dispensar, during the past year thousands of patients were furnished gratis with medical advice and medicine, thereby, in many instances, relieving the city from the expense of caring for such cases.

The Old Dominion Hospital, with its

training school for nurses, attached to the college, is now one of Richmond's best-known institutions, having the most approved appointments and accommoda-tions for that class of vases for the suc-cessful treatment of which the modern hospital has become a necessity. The who are able to pay for them, but many charity cases are also treated without compensation, or at a merely nomina

The Board of Visitors have established in connection with the college two new departments—dentistry and pharmacy— these departments are thoroughly equipped and in successful operation. A net provements and appliances, has been constructed, and a new hall for the college museum will be fitted up in the near

tain changes and additions to the medical faculty were made, which have still further strengthened the influence and teaching capacity of the college. A com-modious room has been furnished as a library and reading-room for the students

At a meeting of the Southern Medical College Association, just held in the city of Memphis, it was unanimously agreed that the colleges forming this association adopt the four-year system of instruction. This college, which has long beer a member of the association, will prompt y adopt this system, having for years been in favor of the change, which puts it in line with the leading medical schools

of the country. University College of Medicine,

The University College of Medicine is now in its sixth year. The new buildings, added at a cost of \$30,000, are now complete in all their appointments, and s at present constructed, the plant is the ecoption of the Tulane University in The number of student s also greater than in any other insti-ution in the South, literary or profes sional, that is not supported by State aid, the number of matriculates at pres-

It has three separate departmentsmedicine, dentistry, and pharmacy-with fifty-eight professors and instructors. The theoretical teaching is comprehensive and thorough; and, having the privileges of the charity wards of three hospitals and controlling two maternity stations in addition to its free medical dispensary, it is enabled to offer its students excellent advantages in the way of clini-cal instruction, Each year additions have been made to its facilities for teaching. its equipment has been increased, and its laboratories are fully supplied with every requirement for up-to-date practical work. Officers of the faculty are: Hunter McGuire, M. D., Li. D., president; Paulus A. Irving, M. D., secretary and treasurer; J. Allison Hodges, M. D., proctor. The chairman of the incideal department is Dr. Landon B. Edwards, M. D. of the dental department.

macy department, T. A. Miller, Ph The course in the medical and dental departments extends over three years of eight months each. In the pharmacy department the course covers two years

of eight months each.
On the same lot with the college is the Virginia Hospital, which has been re-cently remodelled and enlarged and equipped with all the appliances pertaking to a modern model hospital now has a capacity for 125 patients, and in its charity wards a large number

The Catholie Schools.

There are ten Catholic schools-eight white and two colored-in the city. They are under the jurisdiction of the Hishop, and are conducted by religious. except St. Patrick's School for Boys, (principal, Miss Ida Marks) and Sacred-Heart Parochini School for Boys and Girls (principal, Miss Kerse). In these institutions, which compare, in point of efficiency and excellence with those of any city in the country, there are about 800 scholars. The courses are very thorough, and in the girls' school much attention is paid to special branches of study and art.

Two of these schools-St. Peter's Boys' School, which is managed by the Xave-rian Brothers, at the corner of Ninth and Marshall streets, and St. Joseph's Academy and Parochial School, which has for years been successfully conducted at the corner of Fourth and Marshall streets by the Sisters of Charity-are run in connection with St. Peter's Cathedral,

Sacred-Heart church has one school, attended by both boys and girls, and St. Mary's has both the boys' and girls' parochial schools and the Benedictine Institute.

Maria, Grace and Twenty-second streets,

the Vicitation, B. V. M. It was established in 1865. St. Patrick's Boys' School is located at Twenty-sixth and Grace streets, and the Sisters of Charity con-

streets, and the Sisters of Charity con-duct a girls' school on Twenty-fifth street between Franklin and Grace.

The two colored Catholic schools—St.
Josoph's and St. John the Baptist In-stitute, the latter being for the higher education of females—are in charge of the Franciscan puns. the Pranciscan nuns.

The Woman's College.

The Woman's College was organized in 1854. The buildings and grounds cost about \$70,000. During the past summer the buildings were renovated and important additions made to the library. It was found at the opening of the session in September impossible to accommodate all who desired to come, and an additional building, immediately adjacent to the col-lege grounds, was purchased, and is now The present session has been one of Chandler, the dean of the college, and his The present session has been one of Chandler, the dean of the contege, and his great prosperity. The students have been earnest and successful in their work, and no several departments the course of instruction has been enlarged. The new vious session. The faculty is composed of struction has been enlarged. The new vious session. The faculty is composed of twenty-four officers and teachers, trained Chair of History and Literature has been created, a third year has been added to the School of Philosophy, so as to insulate political economy and sociology, and full courses in organic chemistry have been added to the School of Chemistry have been added to the School of Chemistry The efforts to raise \$25,000 for a science T. W. Single a Ph. D. of Leipsic University of Leipsic University of the School of Chemistry of the School of Chemistry of Leipsic University of Leipsic Univer r. W. Single, a Ph. D. of Leipsic University, has been recently engaged to give a

course in the history of philosophy.

The enrolment at this time last year was 211; it is now 220, and will doubtless largely exceed the enrolment of any pro-

vious year.

The class in pedagogies, which meet five times in a week during the sersion, is becoming more and more popular, num-bering at present twenty students. There

is only one other chair of pedagogies in Virginia except those in State schools. Richmond Female Seminary.

Mr. John H. Powell is principal of this school, and Mrs. T. G. Peyton associate principal. The seminary has enjoyed this the usual number, not a single vacancy for any one who wishes to enter. The whole number is about 155, and the work of the student body successful. There are eleven instructors in the academic

The Mechanics' Institute.

The Virginia Mechanics' Institute, No. 22 east Main street, has us its object the and the mental and social improvement of the industrial classes. Its officers are W. J. Whitehurst, president; J. J. Mon-tague, vice-president; Thomas Ellett, ser-retary; W. E. Simons, treasurer; C. P. E. Burgwyn, principal Night School of Tech-pology. and the mental and social improvemen

institute is doing the all-important and indispensable work of training young men who are compelled to earn their live theod during the day by a thorough-ourse of instruction at night in the following subjects: Mathematics, architec-tural, mechanical, and free-hand drawing, book-keeping, natural philosophy, embracing chemistry, electricity, and phyics, and a natural course in mo The curriculum is as follows: Arithme ic, algebra, geometry-plane, solid, escriptive; trigonometry, applied mecha-les, book-keeping, drawing (architectura), nechanical, and free-hand), chemistry, lectricity, physics, and modelling.

Colleges for Colored Persons,

The Richmond Theological Seminary, for the training of ministers among the colis under the auspices of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. It is the only colored theological seminary in the South under Baptist management which aims to give a thorough course, including Hebrew and Greek. For the full course the degree of Bachelor of Divinity is given. A diploma is given to those who not require the English course, which does not require the Greek and Hebrew. A less comprehensive ministers' course is given to those who can remain only a limited time at the seminary. There are which aims to give a thorough course, inlibrary and reading-room for the students limited time at the seminary. There are the horses, nine three-number indicators; and editorial-room for the Medical Regisfifty-three students enrolled during the twelve large bells, weighing from 800 to ter, the monthly journal issued under the auspices of the faculty and Alumni Society of the college. Other improvements and additions are now under consideration, and will, it is believed, be made before the ending of the present reaster.

If ty-three students enrolled during the present students enrolled during the present year. The president of the semi-present year. The president of the semi-present year of this was about \$3.80,000, and nearly one third of this has been appropriated since that date.

With 65 cells of the general working of the present reaster.

So on and early one third of this has been appropriated since that date.

Within the city limits the several years has been done 1 m approtion, and will, it is believed, be made befor the ending of the present session.
The faculty have, in the past twelve
months, purchased property adjoining the
college, which is now being thoroughly
fitted up as a first-class obstetrical hospital.

English Interpretation; Dr. D. N. Vassar | open-circuit battery for furnishing the
power for the general working of the
system. The hours are struck electrically
on the bell at the Brook-Avenue house.
There has been one new box placed in
position, that at the Home for Incurables,
flowment of about \$89,600. The library
ing the year. dowment of about \$60,600. The The library ring the year. fied and catalogued. It has a permanent fied and catalogued. It has a permanent fund of \$3,000. The new buildings for the electric companies in the city, all of which seminary and for the other schools to be associated in the Virginia Union University are now in process of erection on the new grounds on the Brook turnpike. Hartshern-Memorial College has hand-

some buildings and grounds on west Leigh street. It was established for the ducation of colored young women. It em-phasizes especially the element of moral and religious education, and puts the training of conscience and character first. The institution now helds property valued at \$65,000. The school is under the patronage of the American Baptist Home patronage of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society of New England, and the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Michigan. Its normal graduates have taken notably good positions in various cities of Vir-ginia, in State institutions in Virginia and Word Virginia and in the home misand West Virginia, and in the home mission schools of several States.

Across Encon's Quarter branch, north-

east of the Hartshorn grounds, a beautiful site of about twenty-five acres is where will be located the Richmond Theological Seminary and Wayland Co ege, the other members of Virginia Union University.

SCHOOL WORK IN THE STATE.

tions Doing Well, Says Dr. Southall. Hon. Joseph W. Southall, Superintendent of Public Instruction, reports that the tatistics for the school year closing July

II, 1898, show a steady growth in all departments of public-school work. During the year 8,562 schools were conducted, and 369,526 pupils enrolled. The total amount expended for the support of the public schools was \$1,832,525, and the approximate value of school property owned by

The Superintendent states that there has been unusual activity in the direction of building and improving school-houses quipping them with improved appliances

The State Peabody Summer Normals held in July and August were well at-tended, and, in the judgment of the State Superintendent, accomplished good results patients receive each year (free) the best in the line of teacher-training. The atmedical and surgical attention. tendance was as follows: Charlottesville, 56: Farmville, 184; Mt. Jackson, 301. Total white teachers, 841. Hampton Summe Normal, 187; Virginia Normal and Colle Hampton Summer giate Institute (summer session), 172; Charlottesville, 59. Total colored, 469. Grand total, white and colored, 1,250.

Eight of the fourteen Peabody scholar-ships in the Peabody Normal College expired by limitation at the close of the college year in May, and six of these vacancies were filled on competitive exami-nation and two upon the recommendation of President Payne. The examinasummer normals, and at other prominent oints for the convenience of applicants These scholarships are valuable prizes, and ambitious young men and women wno are seeking special preparation for he teacher's profession are anxious to

Dr. Southall reports that the State frestitutions for higher and special education are making satisfactory progress. The attendance of students at several of the institutions is much larger than

The State Superintendent will not issue his formal report until next year, wher the results of two school years will be embodied in a report to the Legislature. Academy of Visitation, Monte He will make some important recom-Grace and Twenty-second streets, mendations looking to the more efficient is under the direction of the Sisters of | working of the school system.

PROTECT OUR HOMES.

OUR SUPERB FIRE DEPARTMENT MAKES A SPLENDID RECORD.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S WORK. Good Number of Alarms, But Few

Large Fires-Fortunate in Having Few Casualties-Splendid Service of Fire Alarm and Police Patrol. Ges Made Gas Con'ed

The record of the Fire Department for the year 1898 is highly satisfactory. A large number of alarms have been received, but in no case has the brigade allowed a fire to leave its starting place.

The department is noted for its energy and modern push, is well managed, and up-to-date in every respect save in the matter of not having its entire force paid to remain at the houses.

The number of alarms of all kinds re

cived during the year and transmitted through the central office was 247, and the percentage of correct alarms was 29 None of the fires were extensive or serious in results. The department consists of one chief

ngineer, one assistant engineer, twelve aptains, fifty-one permanent men, and eventy-seven runners and substitutes the are controlled by the following gen n, known as the Board of Fire Com John H. Frischkorn, presient, and Messrs, L. C. Jenkins, Joseph dent, and Messrs, L. C. Jennins, September 1, Levy, James R. Sheppard, Charles F. Taylor, and G. W. Taylor.

They have maintained in first-class order the equipment of all kinds, besides

the purchase and remodelling of the fire-tation located at the corner of Brook venue and Marshall streets, making it ndeed a handsome and comfortable hom for the men, and placed in a new double combination chemical engine and ho wagon on Church Hill, besides the addiion of several thousand feet of new hose They will also turn back to the city seveal thousand dollars unexpended.

The improvement marked off for the cw year will be a new fire station in the ower part of the city, besides many co implated changes in the fire-alarm sys

City Hall met with the usual success, was witnessed by a large number of representative people.

FIRE-ALARM DEPARTMENT. This department, as previously stated, is under the control of the Board of Fire

Commissioners, and is well managed by Superintendent William H. Thompson, with the following corps of employees; P. G. Randolph, C. L. Gullett, H. T. Taylor, and L. A. Umlauf, each of whom alternates as operator. The work of these employees has proved more than satis-factory to the board, showing, as it does,

The office, one of the finest in the building, is always open, and is visited daily by hundreds of persons, who praise very highly the beauty of the machinery and appointments. One of the employees reports at every fire for the purpose of removing, as far as possible, the danger of live wires, etc. The moving, as far as possible, the danger of live wires, etc. The system comprises twepty-two sets of telephone instruments one in each engine and officer's house 162 fire-alarm stations, seventy-seven o

has been inspected and looked after by this department.

POLICE PATROL.

This system, which, electrically, is un-der the control of the Fire-Alarm Deparament, continues to give general satisfaction.

The system comprises twenty-three street stations, four relays, one 8-inch electro-mechanical gong, two direct actrating desk, one four-pen and one of pen register, twenty-four sets of telepho instruments, thirty cells of storage and forty-five cells of Samson battery, and have been 1,137 wagen and 2,901 telephon halls sent over the wires during the year. The central office is located at the Second Police Station, under the charge of Captain J. B. Angle, with Sergeants Talley, Brooks, Cody and Allen acting iternately as operators,

THE WATER-WORKS DO WELL. Good Results from Introduction of Meters-The Works Paying Well.

The water-works of the city, Mr. Charles E. Bolling, Superintendent, are in excellent condition. The machinery at the New Pump-House is in first-class order. The building has been carefully Public Schools and Higher Instituepaired and painted, and a great im-rovement has been made at this station by the erection of an electric-light plant walch is operated from the shafts of one of the turbine-wheels, and furnishes a good light for the machinery-room, the pavilion, and work-shop. The steam-pump building is also lighted from this plant. Owing to the reduction in the consump-tion of water-due to the introduction of water-meters-our machinery is not now taxed to its fuil capacity, and different sets of the pumps can be stopped and time given for rest and repair. There has been no need of running the steam pump, thereby saving much expense. The pump-ing machinery at the OM Pump-House s now receiving necessary repairs, and in a few weeks will be in first-class order, The two pumps at this station, which were changed last year, are working well, and show an increased capacity of 50 per

The total expenditure for the year for extensions, house connectiors, meters, maintenance, and repairs will amount to about \$18,000. The receipts will amount to \$135,000, which does not include the value of the water used in the city departments, nor for fire-extinguishment.

The additions and improvements consist of 5,033 lineal feet of water-mains, 7 fire-hydrants, 217 taps, and 1,170 water meters 116 of these meters were purchased by water-takers. The good results obtained from placing water meters continue to be most gratifying. The pressure in the city is gradually increasing. Not a single complaint has been made to the department during the year for want of pressure in the high points of the city. Numerous leaks in pipes under ground have been made known by the meters, which otherwise would never have come to light, and good and satisfactory pressure has been sintained during cold spells, which for merly decreased rapidly whenever the temperature fell below freezing, due to many fixtures being left running to prevent the pipes freezing.

During the past summer and fall the water was very muddy for a long period. and brought much complaint on account of its appearance. Careful chemical and bacteriological examinations were made

The Virginia State Insurance Company spends thousands of dollars in this city for printing, advertising, etc. We pracwhat we ask-patronize home institutions

by scientists, and while they pronounced the water unattractive in color, nothing harmful was found in it, and its good reputation as a healthful water was again established.

It is gratifying to state that the waterworks of the city are in a most satisfactory condition, and are one of the city's most valuable possessions.

GAS MADE AND CONSUMED. Statement of the Year by Months,

Showing a Slight Increase. The following statement shows the ope rations of the City Gas-Works, of which Mr. W. P. Knowles is superintendent, for the fiscal year, ending December 31, 1898:

	Gras Million	Chara con ca
Months, 1898.	Cubic Feet.	Cubic Feet.
January		25,255,114
February	20,411,000	20,328,636
repruity	19 791 000	19,834,972
March	15 908 000	15,881,767
April	12 820 500	13,811,543
May	11 105 100	11.224,011
June	10.079.000	11,066,404
July	11 721 000	11,342,451
August	19,000,700	13,353,790
September	13, 380, 100	19,925,811
October	19,850,799	
November	24,734,200	24,730,595
December	26,589,100	26,446,100
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Total	213,409,200	210,212,101

Total quantity of coal used in the man facture of this gas was 8,390 tons; total quantity of coke used, 8,923,489 po-ber of premises where the use of gas was discontinued, 10%. Street mains laid during the year, 10,279 feet; laid to date, 16 miles 952 feet. Street lamps to date, 1,648; in use, 448. Electric lights in use, 527. There have been put in for new con 136 service-pipes; renewed, 418, of various sizes.

WORK OF THE POLICE FORCE,

About as Many Arrests as in 1897, But Man Less Ordinance Violations.

The police force is appointed by the Board of Police Commissioners, consisting of Hon. R. M. Taylor (Mayor and President), C. G. Boschen, C. C. Figg. John F. Jacob, Joseph B. Weish, Joseph W. Laube, and C. A. Weinbrum. E. B. White, clerk.

The police-force consists of 199 officers empiated changes in the fire-alarm sys-em.

This commission meets twice a month, and in ten years has not failed to have a guorum.

The annual inspection in front of the Type Hall met with the usual success and

John T. Hall and C. A. Gibson; L. Robins, special deputy.

First Police-Station, Old Market-Catain, W. B. Whitlock; Sergeants, J. Jeter, G. H. Matthews, J. A. Otey, at J. H. Kerse, and 25 patrolmen.

Second Police-Station, Sixth and Mashall streets-Captain, J. If Angle; Segeants, J. A. Cosby, Ro. J. Brooks, at T. A. Allen and 25 patrolmen.

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Third Police-Station, Brook avenue a Marshall street-Captain, E. P. Hule Sergeants, A. R. Cousins, G. W. Ep. W. J. Orange, and 25 patrolimen.

Officer at Police Court, Sergeant R. Thomas. Four men are detailed as sa

tary inspectors.

Changes in the force during the ye

What Has Been Done During

Year on This Important Work. The improvement of James river, unappropriations by Congress, begins at the lower city line. It is under the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles J. Allen. Corps of Engineers. The project of the improvement, authorized by Congress in 1884, is for a depth of 25 feet at full tide in a channel varying in width from 400 feet below City Point to 200 feet at Richmond.

the James River Improvement Committee and the City Engineer. The contract made with P. Sanford Ross in November, 1897, was completed in June, 1898, and further work on the part of the government was then saspended. Under that contract about 12,000 cubic one fourth of which was solid t were removed from the channel in a little over one mile below the city line. This included a cut through Rocketts reef 25 feet wide to at least 18 feet depth at mean

low tide. All the material excavated was placed in revetment, repairs, and construction of wingdams within four miles of the city. The available depths for pavigation is James river are 18 feet at mean low tide to within 800 feet of the city line (say 175 feet above the Richmond Chemical-Works wharf), and the available depth

the city at average full tide is at least The mean rise and fall of tide at Richmond in ordinary stages of the river from June I, 1897, to May 31, 1898, was 4073 feet. There were but two rises in the river worthy of mention—May 9th, 12.13 feet, and October 23d, 13.50 feet above low tide, There was no suspension of ravigation from ice or other causes (to December 15th-this writing-at all events).

The half- or mid-tide level at the lower

city line, for the year ending May 31st, averaged 1.215 feet above half tide at Fort Monroe (or occan level), and excluding freshets and tides affected by high winds, averaged 0.983 feet. This level varies with the stage of the river above tidewater, and with the direction and force of winds, and since May, 1893, excluding freshets,

BUSINESS OF THE PORT.

Annual Statement of Imports and Vessels Entered and Cleared.

The business of District of Richmond, IMPORTS.

Number of consumption entries. 175
Value of dutiable merchandise. \$38,713 00
Value of free merchandise. 24,533 00 Total \$63,246 00 Amount of import duties col-Foreign vessels entered Domestic vessels entered and cleared

It should be stated that hundreds of vessels engaged in the coastwise trade enter and leave this port, which, under the law, do not have to report to the ustom-house. ustom-house. Mr. John S. Bethel is Collector of the

port of Richmond, and, under the law, ustodian of the customs building. Frank C. Murphy, William Gay Smith, and R. B. Pettis are the deputy collectors.

John S. De Farges is the _eputy Collector in charge of the sub-port of West Point, Va.

A Distant Cousin.

(Baltimore Herald.) At the wedding anniversary of a rail-

way magnate, one of the guests, noticing a somewhat lonely-looking and rather shabbily-attired man in one corner of the parlor, walked over and sat down near him. "I was introduced to you," he said, "but I did not eatch your name."

"My name," replied the other, "is Swaddleford. "Oh! Then you are a relative of our host.'

"Yes," rejoined the "poor relation," with a grin, "I am his cousin, \$500,000 re moved." Keep the money for fire insurance at home by insuring with the Virginia State

WILLIAMSON TALLEY, Agent.

STAMP SALES LARGE.

INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS

INCREASED NEARLY \$1,000,000. PARTLY DUE TO THE WAR TAX.

Aside from This the Year's Business Was Most Gratifying-Only Snuff and Cards Show Falling Off-Grow-

ing Export Trade.

The internal revenue collections for the Eastern District of Virginia in 1838 show an increase of nearly a million dollars an increase of nearly a million dollars over the previous year. To be exact, the gain over 1897 was \$892,513.01.

street, sold

Sub-Station, No. 1, 204 Harrison street, sold gain over 1897 was \$802,513.01.

This splendid increase in the revenue business is due, in part, but not by any means altogether, to the added tax imposed by the war revenue bill, which went into effect June 13th. This law, besides adding many new special taxes and the documentary and proprietary stamp tax, increased the following taxes: Beer, from \$1 per barrel to \$2 per barrel, less 71-2 per cent. discount; cigars, weighing over three pound per 1,000, from \$3 to per 1,000 to \$3.60 per 1,000; cigarettes.

weighing less than three pounds per 1,000, from \$1 per 1,000 to \$1.50; tobacco and snuff, from 6 cents per pound to 12 cents per pound. The exports of tobacco and cigars and cigarettes show a most gratifying increase, though there was a falling off in the quantity of tobacco exported from Petersburg. The only items in the gene ral table that show decreases are snuff and cards. Very few stamps were sold for the former after the war revenue act

went into effect and none for the Indeed, only 8 cents was derived from cards for the entire year. THE YEAR'S GOOD EXHIBIT. The last fifteen days of December are estimated by the Collector in formulating his table. The following table shows the amount of stamps issued during the menths of 1898 and the difference between that year and 1897:

Decrease 1898	Total under new war rev. not	Total amount under old law June 13th to 30th July August Andrew August Saptember October Nove ter	January February March April April June Lst (o 15th	1998.
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\$13,747	\$52,336 \$75,601 51,853	\$ 5,883 10,794 10,286 9,546 9,547 4,070	\$ 2,780 \$2,565 4,230 5,500 3,440	at \$1 Bbi. Spir
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POSTAL BUSINESS GROWS STEADILY

The Receipts of the Richmond Office

Considerably Larger Than in 1897.

The business of the Richmond pos office grows steadily year by year. The

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E. Woodward. Sub-Station, No. "L" No. 204 Harstreet-Andrew G. Briggs, clerk in cl Sub-Station, No. "2." No. 607 Lond

street-M. Fill Seay, clerk in chars Sub-Station, No. '4," No. 60 north Seventeenth street-W. Wesley Richard son, clerk in charge,

onice grows steadily year by year. The receipts from all sources in 1898 show an increase of \$9.403.95 over the year 1897. While the sale of postage stamps, envelopes, and postal-cards naturally shows the most decided increase, the yolume of companies. Moral: Insure with the Va-

Postage stamps, envelopes, and age 9,94 %

Box rents 431 x fices 100 a The year 1895 shows an increase of Of the above stamps, envelopes, and postal-cards, Station "A," 223 west Broad street, Station "B," 2418 east Bread

business done in all the departments was

erger than in the previous year.
The following statement gives the rear-

receipts of postal funds from all sources

RECEIPTS OF POST-OFFICE.

E 813 29 Sub-Station, No. 2, 607 Library Sub-Station, No. 3, 334 South Pine 208 74 Seventeenth street, sold 3 Sub-Stations, Nos. 3 and 4, have 224 78 been in existence since the 1st of Septem

MONEY-ORDER DIVISION. 25,544 Amount of same\$ 11 72 count of money-order business 440.170 % Station "A" issued 4.281 moneyorders, amounting to Station "B" issued L479 money orders, amounting to 18.10 4 Sub-Station, No. '1," issued 3vf money-orders, amounting to., 1,76 g Sub-Station, No. "I," issued #75 money-orders, amounting to., 4,17 g REGISTRY DIVISION.

mission in mails fineluding par-Domestic 27.34 Foreign Official letters

Station "B" received 1,25
Sub-Station, No. "1," received 21
Sub-Station, No. "2," received 1 PIECES OF MAIL DISPATCHED. Main office: First-class, 25.504.507; a others, 9,030,300; special delivery, 10,788, Total, 34,585,585. "A": First-olass, 1.781.838; al Station "A": First-class, 1,781,838; all others, 413,505; special delivery, 1,598. To tal. 2.197,334 Station "B": First-class, \$47,061; all others, 78,159; special delivery, 229. Total

Sub-Station, No. "I": Do not dispatch Sub-Station, No. "2": De not dispute any mail. Sub-Station, No. "2": Do not dispatch Sub-Station, No. "4": Do not disputch any mail. Errors made in distribution and dis-

Missent: Packages, 34; pouches, 1; sacka I; registered matter, 1 package. Misdirected: Packages, 14; pouches sacks, 4; registered matter, 0; number of errors checked against clerks rulled post-office, 488; number of errors checked against clerks post-office, 282.

Number of pieces corrected to each

error: First-class, 23,338; all other Gizenes, Percentage correct: First-class, 20.101 all others, 99.993, MAKE UP MAILS.

Distribution: Pouches, 16,499 sacks. 11.828. City: Pouches, 21,491; sacks, 23,163. Received transit; Pouches, 4.7%; mens, Potal: Pouches, 42,926; m MAKE-UP MAILS DISPATCHE

Distribution: Pouches, 33,716; sa,182, 00.1% City: Pouches, 4,268; sacks, 3,519. Transit: Pouches, 4,536; sacks, 30.00. Total; Pouches, 42.920; sacks, 100. OFFICERS AND CLERKS. The following are the officers and clerks y whom the post-office is condu-Postmaster-Wray T. Knight.

Assistant Postmaster-John I. Cashier-William McKim Marri General Business Clerk-Mrs. Annie T Donnan. Stamp Clerk-Arthur W. Lee. General Delivery Clerk-Elmo S. Res

Money-Order Division-Superon Peachy G. Harrison. Clerks: Frunk M. Reade and Miss Martha T. Mayo. Registry Division-Superintendent, Estable J. Levy. Clerks: G. Roddy Teler Mrs. Cornella C. Mera, and Henry F.

Archer. Free Delivery Division-Superinters Frank P. Burke; Foreman of Di-tors, Cabell Thompson. Clerks: 1 min C. Brothers, Edward E. B. Andrew F. Creath, John A. Fipp-liam D. Kerns, William Vallace Benjamin W. Russell, and William

Carriers-J. Dudley Barnett, Alvey Bartholomew, Albert L. Bradley, C. Bates, Charles B. Brooks, Green ert, Leroy F. Carter, Massa H. C. William G. Cavedo, John R. Chiles, B. Forrester, Charles Devote, Ph sam, R. Bruce Evans, Julian Andrew J. Guerpillon, Goodes

sam. R. Bruce Evans, James R. Hallandew J. Guerpillon, Garter R. Hallandew J. Guerpillon, Garter R. Hallandew G. Jennings, James R. Lawson Thomas J. McDonald, Adolph J. Schlecher, Hiram W. Tyler, Walter H. Tyre and Jacob F. Wrisht.

Mailing Division—Superintendent, John G. Fitzgerald, Clerks: Douglas Richard C. Bollins, Raubea T. Broad-Andrew J. Brown, William G. Brown Edward R. Carter, Thomas M. Fendis John M. Gordon, William H. James W. Ham F. McBain, J. Eddie McFadde Evans H. Ragland, George F. Bown George E. Taylor, Lather M. Turner, at Lather H. Wetsiger.

Special-Delivery Service Bays—Beak John Blankenship, Charles Nona Charles B. Smith, John C. Station "A." No. 221 west Broad street Superintendent, Hay T. Therniqu, Charles Goodloe and Robert A. Lames H. Barrett, America.

Charles Goodice and Robert A. Carriers; James H. Barrett, August Carriers: James H. Barrect, American Brown, Edwin R. Collin, Walt Broughty, William W. Fields, William Hope, Walter H. Hudsen, J. Jones, Reuben T. James, Robert E. sell, John A. Moore, John H. Robett D. Rowlett, R. Beecher T. Kobett D. Rowlett, R. Beecher T. G. & Wassmer, J. S. Wassmer, J. Wassmer, J. S. Wassmer, J. Wassmer, J.

and Lewis S. Wassiner. Station "B." No. 248 east Broad a Superintendent, James D. Red Clerk, John W. Sims, Carriers W. H. Burkett, Walter E. Joyner, 2 O'Conner, Charles E. T. Stewart, L. Tyree, Thomas J. Wood, and C.

Sub-Station, No. "2." No. 607 Local Street-Robert L. Harrison, cler Sub-Station, No. '3," No. 334 south Pint

Many thousand dollars are brought to Richmond each year by the local inco-rance companies, and many thousands are sent away by the citizens to feed si

ginia State. W. W. HARDWICKE, Agell.